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31st. D E C E M B E R, 1959.





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OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

1959

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present herewith my twentyfirst Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population	4,200
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1959	1,347
Rateable Value at 31st. December, 1959	54,958
Nett product of a penny rate	£221.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	37	31	68
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>38</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>71</u>
Still Births - Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>Rate for District.</u>	<u>Rate for England</u>	
		<u>and Wales.</u>	

Birth Rate.	17.2	16.5
Death Rate.	9.2	11.6
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.	14.1	22.0

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Males. Females.

Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	1	1
Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms.	5	1
Diabetes.	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	7	6
Coronary Disease Angina.	7	6
Other heart disease.	8	8
Influenza.	1	1
Pneumonia.	5	7
Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	2	1
Motor vehicle accidents.	1	-
All other accidents.	1	1
Suicide.	1	-
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	43	32
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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health - J.Young, M.B., Ch.B. D.P.H.Camb.
The Medical Officer of Health acts for the
Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which
this District is included.
Telephone No. - Melton Mowbray 3343.

Public Health Inspector - H. Tabberer, Certificate Royal
Sanitary Institute.

The Public Health Inspector is also Surveyor to the
Council.

2. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations in your area were carried
out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory,
Leicester.

Nose and Throat Swabs.	18
Faeces and Urine.	64
Bloods.	5
Sputa.	7
Vaginal and Cervical Swabs.	17
Waters.	4
Miscellaneous.	25
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Bacteriological. Chemical.

(1) Water.

Number of Samples taken for Analysis :-

(a)	from wells.	1
(b)	from piped supply	1
(c)	at source of public supply..	1

Results of Samples taken :-

(a)	from wells	-	unsatisfactory	-	-	-
			satisfactory	-	-	-
(b)	from piped supply	-	unsatisfactory	-	-	-
			satisfactory	1	-	-
(c)	at sources	-	unsatisfactory	-	-	-
			satisfactory	-	-	-

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year.

The Council's water undertaking was transferred to Leicester Corporation on 1st. October, the Local Authority acting as Agents for the remainder of the year and at least to 31st. March 1960

Almost 99% of the houses and over 99% of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses.

laid into the houses.
The number of such cases has declined during the year. There
are no public standpipes.

There are 14 occupied houses which are not on the public supply.

(11) Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No significant change has been made.

(111) Closet Accommodation.

Total number in the District at the end of 1959 :-

(1)	Privies	17
(2)	Pail Closets	Approx. 1780.
(3)	Water Closets	

Number of pail closets converted to water carriage
system during the year

At ten of these seventeen pail closets, either water mains or sewers are not available within the distance laid down in the Act. Some of the remaining seven are at old houses, which are likely to be demolished when the housing situation improves.. The Council intend to lay sewers which will open up more land for housing and enable five pail closets to be converted and several cesspools to be abolished. The work is expected to commence in 1960.

(1V) Public Cleansing.

Refuse Disposal is by tipping in a disused ironstone railway cutting 5 miles from the town between Ashwell and Cottesmore.

The small quantity of nightsoil is tipped at the Sewage Disposal Works.

(V) Smoke.

The only big chimney in the town now in use is at the Catmose Vale Hospital. No complaints have been received during the year apart from complaints of oily smuts from a waste oil burning heater at a garage. This matter is being closely watched and some improvement has been obtained.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received	19
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints	17

<u>Nature of Inspection.</u>	<u>Number of Inspections and Re-visits.</u>
Dwelling Houses (all purposes) ...	132
Tents, Vans, etc., ...	3
Slaughter houses. ...	20
Food Premises. ...	30
Dairies. ...	11
Offensive Trades. ...	-
Animal keeping. ...	3
Factories etc., ...	26
Shops. ...	20
Other premises. ...	65
Water Wastage. ...	22

N O T I C E S.

<u>Preliminary.</u>	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Other.</u>
Outstanding on 1st. Jan. 1959.	1	-
Issued during the year	4	8
Complied with during year	5	7
Outstanding 31st. December 1959.	-	1

<u>Statutory.</u>	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Other.</u>
Outstanding 1st. Jan. 1959. ...	3	-
Issued during the year. ...	3	1
Complied with during year. ...	3	1
Outstanding 31st. December, 1959.	3 *	-

* These outstanding cases are Demolition Orders where houses are vacated but not yet demolished.

Defects or Nuisances.

Most of the work is done by letter, interview of telephone, and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used.

CONTROL OF RATS.

The Council in conjunction with the Rural District Councils of Oakham, Uppingham, Ketton and Barnack employed a Pest Control Officer. All complaints were promptly dealt with and there is little evidence of rats in the town.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No cases of bed bugs came to notice.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

The swimming bath is owned by the School Trustees and loaned to the Council during the summer holidays. It has a pressure filter and chlorinator which works most of the time while the bath is in public use. Five inspections were made during the season.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

At the end of the year there were five distributors and four premises registered. Eleven inspections of premises were made.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies Regulations 1959. All milk sold in the district now is tuberculin tested, T.T. pasteurised, sterilised or pasteurised and all bottling is done before reaching Oakham. Oakham is now included in a Special Designations Specified Area.

Dealers and Supplementary Licences for retailing specially designated milk were issued during the year as follows :-

<u>Tuberculin Tested.</u>	<u>Pasteurised.</u>	<u>Sterilised.</u>
4	5	1

Ice Cream.

No Ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but eighteen premises are registered for its sale.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, Etc.,

Number of inspections 15

There is only one small slaughter house in use in the Urban District.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

Whole carcases condemned None.

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned None.

Food Premises in the Urban District in December consisted of :-

5 Cafes and a Dairy Shop.
12 Licensed Premises (not including Clubs)
13 Retail Grocers, Etc.,
5 Butchers.
4 Greengrocers.
2 Fishmoners.
4 Bakers and pastrycooks.
5 Sweets, etc.,

Number of inspections 36

One licensed house was demolished and a snack bar cafe was much improved. A new and well fitted meat shop was established.

Premises Registered under Section 14 for Preparation and Sale of Sausages.

Potted Meats and Meat Pies..... 6

Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips..... 1

Disposal of Condemned Food.

The small quantities involved are disposed of by :-

- (a) Burning in the boiler at Council Offices.
- (b) Being taken to tip by Refuse Collectors.
- (c) Sending to the Hunt Kennels.

Sixty-four lbs. canned fruits were voluntarily surrendered as unfit.

Food Hygiene.

Food premises in the town have been kept under observation during the year. Advice has been given when necessary, and there have been no special difficulties..

There is a lively street market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Many of the stalls sell vegetables, fruit and of ther foods, and it has been found necessary to draw attention to the Regulations from time to time.

HOUSING.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
Demolition Orders were made 3

Closing Order made -

Number of dwelling houses demolished in
persuance of Demolition Orders 3

Houses demolished without Demolition Orders.. 1

No cases of overcrowding were found during the year.
There were (at 31st. December, 1959) 118 Oakham applicants
for Council Houses. Twenty-six of these were sharing
houses with parents or others.
There is also a demand for houses from people outside the
Urban District, Many of whom work in the town.

At the end of 1959 the Council owned 352 houses, ten
temporary bungalows and two old houses acquired in William
Dalby Street and Westgate Street. Thus 27% of the
houses are controlled by the Council.

In eight cases houses were improved with Grant Aid under
the Housing Acts.

Five houses have been acquired as part of a clearance area.
These should be demolished in 1960.

At the end of the year 15 Council and 2 private dwellings
were under construction.

The following table shows new house completions in the
last ten years.

Year.	Houses completed other than by the Council.	Council Houses.	Total.
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1950	8	13	21
1951	13	37	50
1952	11	24	35
1953	4	43	47
1954	6	44	50
1955	15	4	19
1956	12	8	20
1957	8	2	10
1958	7	14	21
1959	2	-	2
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TOTAL	86	189	275

Housing - continued.

In addition, there have been conversions and adaptations.
In the same period there were 34 demolitions.
Almost 40% of the houses in the district have been built in
the last 30 years.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES.

1) Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during 1959.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	1	-	-
Measles.	15	-	-
Pneumonia.	7	-	7
Dysentery.	1	-	-
Food Poisoning.	6	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	1	-

A G E G R O U P S.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Under 1</u>	<u>1 2</u>	<u>2 3</u>	<u>3 4</u>	<u>4 5</u>	<u>5 10</u>	<u>10 15</u>	<u>15 20</u>	<u>20 35</u>	<u>35 45</u>	<u>45 65</u>	<u>65 and over.</u>
Measles.	-	1	2	2	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

T U B E R C U L O S I S .

Age Group.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

I am again pleased to report that no action was found necessary during the year.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN YOUNG.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Warwick Lodge,
Melton Mowbray.

APPENDIX.

Factories Acts, 1937 to 1959.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Regi- ster. (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions. (3)	Written Notices. (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	10	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 30 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	30	21	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises).	3	2	-	-
Total.....	43	28	1	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars.	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspec- tor.	by H.M. Inspec- tor.	Number of cases in whic prosecutions were insti- tuted.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness.	1	1	-	1	-
Total.	1	1	-	1	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1) (c) (2)	No. of Cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council. (3)	No. of Prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists. (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises. (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
(1)						
Wearing apparel Making Etc.	28	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial flowers.	36	-	-	-	-	-
Total -	64	-	-	-	-	-

